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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region

From: Regional Director

Subject: Estimated 2016 Tribal Colorado River Diversions

I am writing to inform you of the formal determination by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office of the estimated 2016 Colorado River Diversions for the Fort Mojave, Colorado River, Cocopah, Chemehuevi, and Quechan Indian Tribes as shown below. This determination is required by 43 CFR Part 417. An additional table presenting the estimated Colorado River diversions of each tribe, for each month in 2016, is attached.

Tribe	State	2016 Estimated Diversion (acre-feet)	Diversion Entitlement (acre-feet)
Ft. Mojave	AZ	88,500	103,535
	CA	16,720	16,720
	NV	5,800	12,534
Colorado River	AZ	662,402	662,402
	CA	5,362	56,846
Cocopah	AZ	8,960 ¹	11,518 ²
Chemehuevi	CA	11,340	11,340
Fort Yuma (Quechan)	AZ	2,140	6,350
	CA	53,560 ³	71,616

¹ Includes surface water diverted from Imperial Dam via the All American Canal, as well as an estimated groundwater pumping rate of 2,610 acre-ft.

² The Cocopah Tribe's diversion entitlement for use on a Fee land parcel is currently under discussion. Consequently, the Tribe's overall diversion entitlement is not finalized. An entitlement of 11,518 acre-feet has been estimated.

³ The Consolidated Decree entered March 27, 2006, in Arizona v. California allocates 71,616 acre-feet for lands within the boundaries of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation in the State of California. By settlement agreement executed March 27, 2005, by several Colorado River water users, including the Quechan Tribe (Tribe) and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD): (1) only 64,616 acre-feet are immediately available to the Tribe; (2) the full 71,616 acre-feet will become available to the Tribe in Year 2035; and (3) 13,000 acre-feet immediately available to the Tribe are available for diversion to the MWD through Year 2035 contingent upon conditions set forth in the 2005 settlement agreement and a forbearance agreement between the two parties. Under the settlement agreement, beginning in 2035, certain other conditions may occur between MWD and the Tribe affecting the use of the Tribe's decree entitlement by MWD.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jonathan Cody, Regional Irrigation Engineer, at (602) 379-6789.

Attachments:

cc: Superintendent, Colorado River Agency
Superintendent, Fort Yuma Agency

**Estimated Colorado River Diversions
CY 2016
(Acre-feet)**

Month	Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe			Colorado River Indian Tribes		Cocopah Indian Tribe	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	Ft. Yuma (Quechan) Indian Tribe	
	Arizona	California	Nevada	Arizona	California			Arizona	California
JAN	2,500	400	200	26,967	238	300	428	81	2,409
FEB	7,500	1,500	400	39,581	289	370	680	81	3,119
MAR	5,000	1,000	400	54,985	391	510	793	153	6,676
APR	7,500	2,500	600	71,953	424	600	1,020	232	8,508
MAY	10,000	2,500	800	74,960	518	950	1,247	272	6,718
JUN	13,000	3,000	800	75,303	622	1,080	1,247	302	3,838
JUL	13,000	1,000	600	76,893	671	1,100	1,247	266	2,445
AUG	13,000	2,000	600	72,766	643	1,100	1,247	272	6,338
SEP	8,000	1,200	400	53,231	514	950	1,247	191	2,549
OCT	3,000	600	400	48,824	435	750	1,020	117	4,253
NOV	4,000	600	400	34,758	316	700	736	112	4,188
DEC	2,000	420	200	32,181	301	550	428	61	2,519
TOTAL	88,500	16,720	5,800	662,402	5,362	8,960	11,340	2,140	53,560
ENTITLEMENT	103,535	16,720	12,534	662,402	56,846	11,518	11,340	6,350	71,616